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## **County Health Clinic Implements Electronic Health Record**

## Community Will Benefit From Reduced Costs and Better Care

ERIE COUNTY, NY— The Erie County Department of Health ("ECDOH") announced today that the Jesse Nash Health Center, a county operated outpatient medical clinic located at 608 William Street in the City of Buffalo has converted to an electronic health record format as a means of creating a more efficient means of managing and coordinating care for patients.

"Implementation of the electronic health record helps ensure that our clinical staff has the tools they need to deliver high-quality care and the best patient experience possible," **said Erie County Health Commissioner Dr. Gale Burstein**. "Electronic health records have proven results in helping improve the management of chronic conditions and encourage the use of preventive medicine. Our staff did a fantastic job of ensuring a successful implementation. We are very proud of our team!"

Electronic health records improve efficiency, speed and accuracy of performing tasks along with the immediate availability of charts and lowered operational costs which make implementing the electronic medical records system invaluable. The benefits of implementing the electronic health record for Erie County tax payers include an increase in revenue from more accurate coding, greater time efficiency as a result of rapid chart documentation, expanded patient load because of this efficiency, and reduced office supply costs such as paper, charts, and printing supplies.

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